

Rich Gold Ledge In Crescent Country

Much excitement has been created at Crescent Oregon by "Michigan Sam," a miner of the picturesque type who claims to have found the fabulous gold ledge from which "Pedro," a fullblood Indian, brought handfuls of gold nuggets to The Dalles thirty-five or forty years ago.

Michigan Sam entered Crescent in rags last week—carrying 100 pounds of rock that is nearly two-thirds pure gold. A Crescent business man, who lived for years in some of the best known mining camps of California and Nevada, says it is the richest quartz he ever saw.

For five years the old prospector's operations have been carried on mainly in the Cascade range, from the Columbia river to Mt. Shasta. Side trips he has also made as far east as the O-y-e-hee, where one of the old immigrant trails enters the state. Somewhere in this vast region is the fabulous ledge, but Michigan Sam doesn't say where. All he will say is that he can mount a cayuse in Crescent at sun up and be at the ledge by dark.

As to how he found the ledge he says: "About four years ago I formed the acquaintance of an old-time and intimate friend of Pedro—one who accompanied him on two or three different occasions to his find—and it was one a year ago that the old fellow finally described to me the landmarks surrounding the rich ledge. Ever since then I have been in search of those marks and have found them."

Michigan Sam is sixty years of age, below the ordinary height and quite fleshy. He wears a full beard, and above his shaggy eyebrows rises one of the best formed foreheads that will be seen in many a day. He asserts that during the past five years he could have been pulling down a salary of \$500 a month as a mining expert. Crescent business men have absolute confidence in the old fellow's integrity and the town was much wrought up with the gold fever when he slipped away into the mountains again early Saturday morning.

For Sale or Trade.
A good piano. O. J. Rathburne.
Phone 409-R. 31-St

Take Advantages Of Opportunities

War is on! Prices are going up! Millinery values are soaring! What can the ladies of Ashland do?

There is a scheme by which the tremendous rise in prices can be avoided. Take notice of the following:

Miss Hargrove bought before the prices advanced. She offers her goods at no higher a rate. YOU can reap the advantage from her early buying. Each lady should take it upon herself to be the first one to buy her fall and winter headgear, as when the stock has to be replenished prices will be out of sight. See the new and stylish lines at Hargrove's millinery parlors. Don't wait.

Prizes Awarded In October

Prizes for the best kept lawn or garden will be awarded during the first of October. Nineteen entries were taken for the contest. It is thought best to delay the awarding of prizes till October on account of the gardens, which are now in their best condition. Also, many of the roses and flowers to come later in the season are yet to be judged. All the school lawns are in prime condition, the most beautiful that they have ever been. The janitors cannot be given too much credit for their work during the summer of beautifying the premises.

One more inspection will be made of the different entries.

River Steamer Sunk Near Shore

Portland, September 10.—The Columbia river steamer Gamecock struck the rocks at Sheridan Point, near Hood River, early today and sank within a few minutes. The crew of ten men escaped without difficulty. She had 3,100 sacks of wheat for Astoria on board. It is believed the Gamecock can be raised.

Change in the Club Constitution

Future secretaries of the Ashland Commercial Club will not be elected as have secretaries in the past, but will be chosen by the board of trustees, if the provisions of a constitutional amendment—read at Monday night's meeting—are enacted at the next regular meeting on October fifth. The proposed amendment was brought in by a special committee appointed for the purpose at a previous meeting of the club.

The specific object of the change is in order, that the club may—if deemed necessary in furtherance of mineral springs development—employ an experienced professional publicity man from outside the club and city. Being in the employ and under the direction of the trustees, such publicity man could be discharged at any time his services were unsatisfactory—his tenure in office being thereby based on efficiency regardless of other "extenuating circumstances." The idea is considered good by many club members.

The club took in new members as follows: H. N. Lowe, A. C. Joy, John Volpe, J. N. Heinman, D. A. Myers, F. G. Allard. Chairman Young of the Mining Congress reported money on hand to pay the remaining expenses of the congress which was held early in July. The usual reports were made and the customary grist of bills were audited. The meeting was enlivened by several spirited talks on the Normal School, the recent entertainment of Emerson Hough, the Polytechnic school, etc.

A Very Novel Coincidence

W. W. Usher tells of very unique and novel advertising that occurred recently. A couple of months ago while in Jacksonville he had a conversation with a milliner that had just started in business. He urged her to come to Ashland, telling of the bond issue, prospects for a health resort, etc. The lady had come from a town in Massachusetts, and during the conversation Mr. Usher told her that he, too, was a former resident of Dedham, Mass.

The milliner wrote to one of her friends back in the old state of New Hampshire what a gentleman who had formerly lived in Dedham had told her about the wonderful possibilities of Ashland. The friend was very much interested, as will follow.

Some time later, a week or so ago, Mr. Usher happened to be in Jacksonville again on an electioneering visit, and met the milliner once more, this time leaving his election card lying on the counter. A few days ago he received a letter from a Mrs. Emma L. Porter of West Epping, N. H., telling of the wonderful things her Jacksonville friend had written her about Ashland. This letter told him of a former letter which had been written, but, not knowing his name or address at that time, had addressed it to "Postmaster, hand this to a gentleman who formerly lived in Dedham, Mass." He called for the letter and, sure enough, there was the letter, which had been held for a month in the local postoffice, they not knowing to whom to give it.

Mrs. Porter wanted to know about Ashland, its possibilities, etc., which Mr. Usher answered in full. She thinks she will in all probability come to Ashland in the near future, and she assures him that several other families will follow her example.

Has Apple-Packing Article Accepted

O. H. Barnhill was in receipt of a check for an article he had sent to Country Life on "Apple Packing" on ranches in the vicinity of Ashland. The article will appear in the next issue of the magazine. Mr. Barnhill has been for many years a journalist, and his help along the line of advancing Ashland and her interests through the popular monthlies cannot be overestimated.

Teacher of Music.
Miss Mamie Holmes will give both voice and piano lessons at her home, 77 Manzanita street. Phone 343-J. 29-St

The laws relating to business are wholly unsuited to the transactions of the farmer.

German Base Reported Cut Off By Allies--- Pope Makes Peace Offer

London, Sept. 10.—The western German army's line of communication with its base are cut, according to a positive statement in a Paris dispatch to the Daily Telegraph. If this report is true the German situation is critical.

Assurances have been received from Japan that the mikado will enter into no peace agreement with Germany or Austria except on terms satisfactory to his ally, Great Britain. The Belgian government has estimated the actual financial damage suffered from Germany thus far to be \$200,000,000.

Premier Asquith has asked parliament to increase the British regular army to 500,000. It is believed it will be done immediately. Premier Asquith said he intended to ask further increases later if the call for a half million was approved.

Paris, September 10.—Strongly reinforced, the German center is reported attempting to recover the ground lost in the recent fighting east of Paris, although General Gallieni announced that the French center was holding its own. The allies' left, strengthened by reinforcements from the Paris garrison, is continuing its successes, while a strong Anglo-Belgian force from Ostend is threatening the German communication.

London, September 10.—The Russian foreign office expects Austria to sue for peace within ten days, it is stated in a message from Petrograd. The announcement that the Austrian first line lost 120,000 was followed by the estimate that more than half of Austria's remaining troops are Slavs, who are friendly to Russia.

London, September 10.—The Germans are retreating along their whole line, the war office reported to the public on the conditions in France. The British have crossed the river Marne in a northerly direction. The Germans lost heavily and the general of the French stated that he had taken many prisoners. The

Shriners To Meet In This City

The conclave of the Knights Templar and the ceremonial of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine will be quite an event in Ashland Shiner history, according to information received by the press. On the 24th of this month Shriners and Knights Templar from all over the state will convene at Ashland. Many new members will be initiated.

The street parade will be large and impressive, and promises not to be lacking so far as furnishing amusement for the onlookers, for those to be initiated will be draped in the usual ludicrous positions. Wild men in cages will be in abundance. There will be plenty of color for the eyes to feast on, for gorgeous costumes will be much in evidence.

Snow On Old Mount Wagner

Homer Billings, who returned from his camping outing at Long's cabin, reports snow is two inches deep on the summit of Mount Wagner. This is a good sign fall and winter weather is coming. He also says men are hard at work in building the fencing to protect Ashland's water system from contamination by the dying of stock pastured in that vicinity. Wire fencing is being hauled up from Long's cabin.

Ashland Hotel Opens Saturday

The Ashland Hotel will reopen on Saturday, so E. T. Staples and Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Taber tell us. Many improvements have been made and has been thoroughly renovated. The arrangements were made through E. T. Staples, the owner of the hotel. Mr. Staples will manage the rooms, while Mr. and Mrs. Taber have charge of the dining room.

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kaiser's troops are reported utterly exhausted by their efforts.

Paris, September 10.—"The allies are repelling the enemy everywhere," announced General Gallieni this afternoon. The German right, it is stated, is hard pressed. Reinforcements under General von Beulow failed to arrive and they have been driven across the river Marne and toward Belgium. It is believed the recently landed British troops are raiding their communication lines and attacking their flank formidably. According to Gallieni, the French center is advancing. All accounts indicate that the situation on the German-Russian frontier is brooding hourly more serious for the kaiser. The report is current that the Russians had taken Cracow, the strongest fortress in Austrian Galicia, and were advancing across the frontier toward Berlin.

London, September 10.—The admiralty admitted it was a German submarine and not a mine which sank the cruiser Pathfinder recently in the North Sea.

Rome, Sept. 10.—Pope Benedictus has sent notes to the ambassadors of warring European nations to ascertain their views relative to a papal appeal for peace. It is believed Austria at least will answer favorably.

Vienna, Sept. 10.—That the Austrians lost 120,000 killed, wounded and missing in the recent fighting with Russians is officially admitted. This represented one-fourth of the Austrians' whole first line. The army lost enormous quantities of supplies and ammunition.

Petrograd, Sept. 10.—Heavily reinforced by German troops, the Austrians under Generals Dankl and Von Auffenberg have turned on General Rouzky's pursuing Russians along the line extending southwest from the vicinity of Rawaruska through Sadowa to a point near the river Dniester.

Touring Through From Michigan

On Sunday three families, touring the west by automobile, passed through Ashland with "Michigan" on their state streamers. They were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Newell, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ritter and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Gerard and two children. All reside in Owassa, Mich., from which place they started on July 20 for their outing trip to California. They spent a week in the Yellowstone Park and several days in Seattle. They found their worst roads to be over the Rocky Mountains, which were seldom traveled by automobiles. They spoke highly of Oregon and most of its roads they had seen. The party were greatly enjoying their trip and were in excellent health.

Fruit Dryer Started Up

Frank N. Snyder has started his fruit dryer which he has been erecting during the last few weeks. He has a fine plant, handling many tons of fruit. He plans to dry all his own fruit, as well as drying that of others at a nominal price. He is now drying peaches, but prunes will be run through next week. Mr. Moore is taking advantage of the chances that exist for taking care of otherwise waste fruit.

Shorty Hope Mine Property Redeemed

The Shorty Hope Mining and Milling Company has redeemed its mining property from the execution sale held last June. The property will be bonded and operations will soon commence. The Shorty Hope mine has long been considered one of the best prospects in the country, and its working will be prosecuted vigorously.

Phone job orders to the Tidings.

Keep Tires Well Inflated

Under-inflation is the most prevalent and the most expensive piece of carelessness of the modern motorist. I cannot too strongly emphasize the evil. Ride on air, not on the tire walls; they are only the air container. It is just like trying to break a piece of wire by bending it with the fingers. The car, in passing, constantly moves up and down under the action of the spring; the weight of the car causes rubber and fabric to be kneaded like dough, while the heavy casing is rolled this way and that around a bend of narrow radius.

Gradually the fabric layers break apart and the tread is pulled away from the body; it takes on a wavy appearance and cannot possibly be repaired; bad blow-outs are sure to come; in short, riding on under-inflated tires is simply inviting their rapid destruction. You can't tell whether tires are properly inflated by kicking them, or watching flattening at point of contact; you'll miss it a mile. Carry and use a good pressure gauge.

Neglected Repairs.
An injury to either tread or tube should not be neglected. Conditions are aggravated with great rapidity, and before you know it either a very expensive repair or a whole new tire is required. Go over your tires periodically and take care at once of each cut, blister, etc. This is the basis of tire economy.

Stone Bruises.
Be careful not to strike large stones or other such objects, as they may cause a stone bruise. The force of the blow is felt most, not on the tread, but on the inner plies of fabric, which, although not visible from the outside, soon cut the tube and cause a bad blowout.

Don't Drive in Ruts.
This certainly plays havoc with a tire. A casing is just like a shoe, with sole and uppers, tread and side walls. In rut driving you strike the tire on its "uppers," not so well protected, and soon injure it. Wear it as it is intended—on its sole or tread.
M. CHARLES HAST.

Narrow Escape From Death

Klamath Falls Northwestern: Burt Skelly of Klamath Falls, employed by Frank Duffy, escaped death by the narrowest chance Sunday, when he fell on a Jackson fork. Skelly was working on top of the alfalfa stack and fell from there, striking on the fork.

One tine of the fork penetrated his thigh. Another pierced his chest, just above the heart. According to Drs. Johnson and Cathay, who attended Skelly, one of his ribs deflected the tine, or it would have pierced his heart, causing instant death.

Duck Season Soon Opens

Duck season opens October 1 and closes January 16. Every year many valley people gather at the Klamath Lakes and indulge in a week's duck shooting. On account of the increasing scarcity of the birds the season has become shorter every year. Reports are to the effect that the duck season is going to be very good there this year, as the birds appear to be numerous.

School Enrollment Is Very Large

The high school enrollment is very large this year, and shows a decided increase over former attendance. Many new scholars have arrived in the city during the summer, which evidences many newcomers. Last year there were 160 registered the first week. This year 206 had registered by Tuesday evening. More will enroll during the week.

Magazines at The Tidings Office.
If you wish to renew your subscriptions to The Ladies' Home Journal, The Country Gentleman, Saturday Evening Post, you can do so at The Tidings office. 31-st

Tidings "For Sale" ads are active little real estate salesmen.

Normal Uppermost From Now On

The Commercial Club voted Monday night to make everything else subservient to the Normal School campaign from now on until the day of election—November third. President Staples in a spirited speech asked the club to remember that the time is short and the necessity of getting busy from every angle apparent. He declared the association had many reasons for feeling encouraged.

Mr. Staples gave a brief resume of the work being done by Ben Sheldon on his present tour of the state and by the other members of the organization in raising funds and sending out literature, etc. On his representations of the urgent need of funds and workers the club subscribed \$100 for present use and agreed to stand for part of the stenographic work necessary to place the matter properly before the people. The club was already pledged to supplement the association's labors in every way possible.

In addition to the campaign abroad, and as a means toward giving it more force, the club authorized the association to proceed in its name with plans which are now under way for a big Normal School Rally on the twenty-fifth of this month on the Normal School grounds. The Rally is to be a Citizens' Rally backed by the Commercial Club and managed by the association. The rally idea originated with the Normal Boosters of the Bellevue District, who will have a large share therein.

September twenty-fifth has been tentatively chosen as the date—one argument in favor of it being that there will be a large gathering of prominent men here as a result of the big gathering of Shriners which occurs at Hillah Temple on the twenty-fourth. No program has as yet been devised—but there will probably be a general "high jinks" with two bands and a big picnic dinner and various entertainment features.

Notice.
Will pay \$12 per ton for tomatoes until October 10. Can use more Bartlett pears, Alberta or Muir peaches. 31-2t BAGLEY CANNING CO.

Chf Payne makes medicine cases.

Millinery Prices Are Going Up

Millinery prices are fast going up. Miss Hargrove has received today an entirely new line of nobby hats, hitherto unknown either in shape or style in Ashland. They are the very latest. Miss Hargrove is going to give her patrons the advantage of her provident buying this year, for she offers her goods at just the same rate, even though millinery goods have taken a tremendous jump. Velvets have advanced 20 per cent per yard the last week. Black velvet hats are much in evidence this year too, as all reliable style books tell us.

See the new lines now. By being the first one to buy you can have the pick of the stock.

Bring Your Globe Peaches

Anyone possessing specimens of Globe peaches are asked by Mr. Frohbach to bring them to his office for preserving in solution in order to help the southern Oregon exhibit. He has been making a big effort to get the fruit necessary to make the exhibits, and appreciates all specimens. Every farmer around Ashland should take it upon himself to contribute something for the good of our exhibit in 1915.

Remember, Globe peaches. Bring them to Mr. Frohbach's laboratory in the basement of the Beaver Realty Company's building.

3 Per Cent Tax On Freight Value

Washington, September 10.—Democratic members of the house ways and means committee have agreed on the war tax bill. It increases the tax on beer 50 cents a barrel and wine 20 cents a barrel and imposes a tax on freight of 3 per cent of its value. President Wilson, it is announced, has finally accepted the freight tax.